

## FINEDON,

*January, 1909.*

### To the Chairman and Members of the Finedon Urban District Council.

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GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in presenting to you my fourteenth Annual Report on the Public Health and Sanitary Condition of the Township.

There are 808 inhabited and 108 uninhabited houses in the town, and I estimate the population to be about the same as last year, viz., 4,040.

The number of births registered during the year was 87: 46 males and 41 females, giving a rate of 21.5 per 1000 per annum. The average rate for the past ten years being 29.1 per 1000 per annum.

The number of deaths registered during the year was 40, giving a rate of 9.9 per 1000 per annum. This is exactly the same rate as last year, and is a very low one. The average rate for the past ten years being 12.3 per 1000 per annum.

Fifteen deaths of children under one year of age occurred, giving an infantile death rate of 172.4 per 1000 births registered. This is a high rate, and is accounted for to some extent by the prevalence of Bronchitis during the early part of the year. The average for the past ten years is 133.7 per 1000 births registered.

Cancer caused two deaths, giving a rate of .4 per 1000 per annum.

Phthisis caused three deaths, giving a rate of .7 per 1000 per annum.

Diseases of the Respiratory Organs, other than Phthisis, caused 13 deaths, giving a rate of 3.2 per 1000 per annum.

There were no deaths from Zymotic Disease.

Two inquests were held during the year. Both cases were suicide by drowning whilst in a state of unsound mind.

The ages at which the deaths occurred were as follows:—

Under one year,	One year and under five years,	Five years and under fifteen years,	Fifteen years and under twenty-five years,	Twenty-five years and under sixty-five years,	Sixty-five years and upwards,
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During the past year there has been much less sickness than usual.

Ten cases of Scarlet Fever were notified during the year, but the disease never became epidemic, and no deaths resulted. Credit must be given to the occupiers of the infected houses for the care they took to prevent the disease spreading. The sources of the infection were Kettering and Burton Latimer.

One case of Erysipelas was notified.

There was a marked absence of Summer Diarrhoea amongst the Infants, only one death being due to this cause.

During the year we have had the benefit of a Lady Health Visitor, who has done some good work in the town.

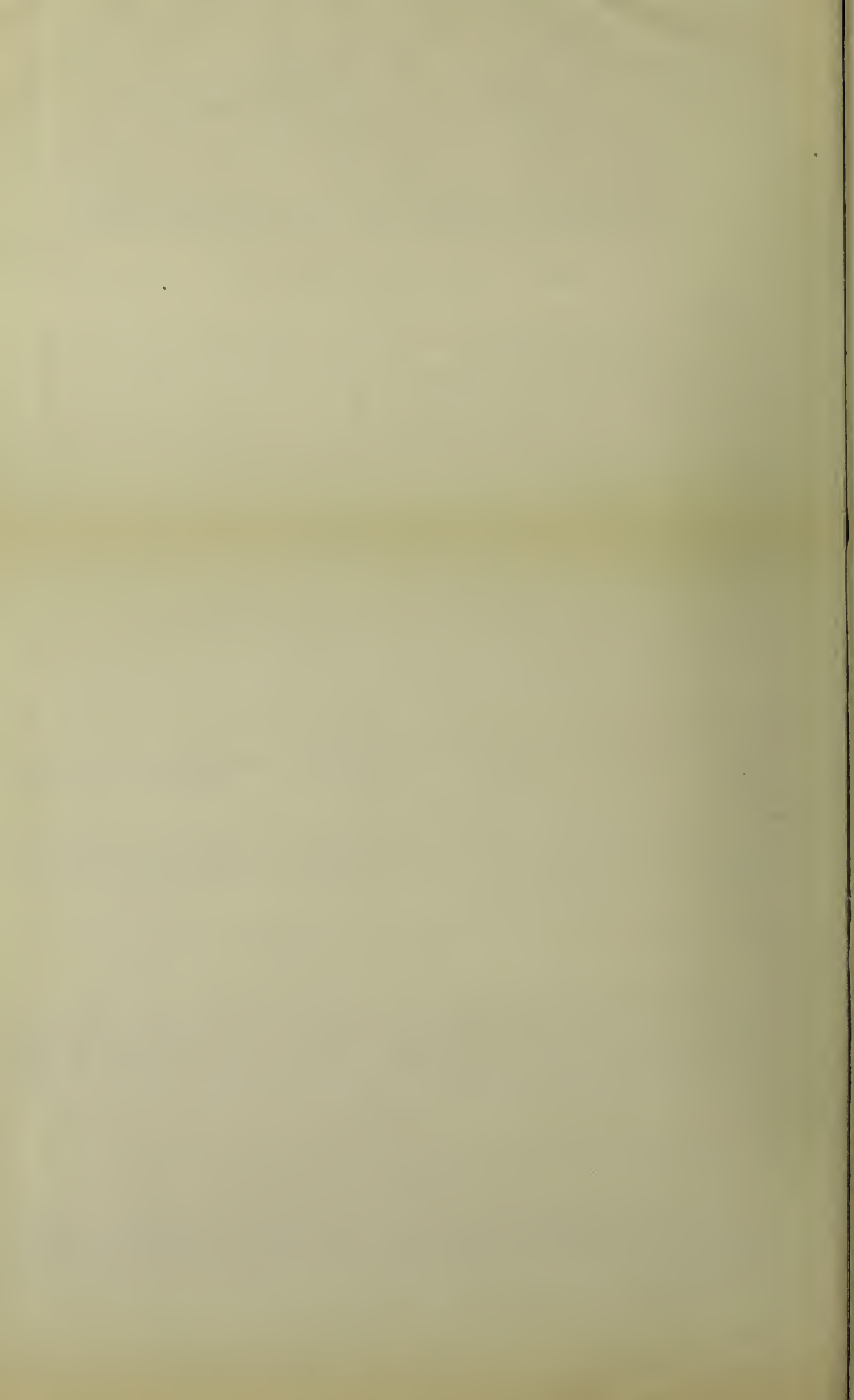
The Water Supply has been ample in quantity and good in quality during the year. Samples of the water from the well, and also from the mains, were submitted to Mr. Elborne for analysis, and he reported as follows: "The analysis indicates a water of first-class organic purity, very soft, thoroughly wholesome, and suitable for drinking purposes and for a public supply. It is less alkaline and rather less saline than when I analysed it in the year 1901. A parallel analysis of the water taken direct from the well showed that the water suffered no alteration whatever by its passage through the iron mains." It should be a source of great satisfaction to the ratepayers to know that they possess such a splendid supply.

#### SCAVENGING.

I have had no complaints as to the way the Scavenging has been done during the year.

#### FACTORY AND WORKSHOP ACT.

The proper Lists of Outworkers have been received. The Factories, Workshops, and Outworkers' premises have been inspected, and it has not been necessary to make any report to H.M. Inspector of Factories, or to take any legal steps to enforce the Act. It is interesting to note that there has not been a single case of accident occurring in any factory or workshop reported to the Certifying Surgeon during the year.



#### DAIRY AND COWSHEDS' ORDER.

The order came into force on the 17th of August, 1908. The usual inspections have been made.

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Your Nuisance Inspector reports that during the year nuisances in connection with 32 bad drains, 3 pigstyes, 3 cesspits, have been remedied.

That six fresh connections to the main sewer have been made.

That two cases of overcrowding have been inquired into and remedied.

That four blockages occurred in the main sewer, and were removed.

That he has disinfected all the houses where cases of Scarlet Fever had been reported, and also three houses in which deaths from Phthisis had occurred.

That he has inspected the Slaughter-houses.

That the water of one well has been analysed and condemned.

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During the year the Medical Examination of School Children, under the new Act, was commenced in the local Schools by the newly-appointed Medical Officer.

I think, Gentlemen, you will agree with me that if the trade of the town had been as good as the health, we should have little to grumble about during the past year.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

**H. BURLAND,**

*Medical Officer of Health.*

